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SUBJ: PRC RED CROSS DONATIONS TO UPPER VOLTA AND AFGHANISTAN

REF: HK A-49 HK A-232, AUGUST 2, 1971

1. NCNA (APRIL 12) ANNOUNCED A DONATION BY CHINA' S RED CROSS SOCIETY OF 300,000 DOSES OF MEASLES VACCINE AND RMB 100,000 (US \$50,000) WORTH OF ANTIBIOTICS AND OTHER MEDICINES TO THE UPPER VOLTAN RED CROSS TO ASSIST IN DEALING WITH THE CURRENT MEASLES EPIDEMIC IN THAT COUNTRY. PREVIOUSLY NCNA (MARCH 29) ANNOUNCED A CHINESE RED CROSS DONATION OF RMB 100,000(US \$50,000) TO AFGHANISTAN FOR FLOOD AND DROUGHT RELIEF.

2. THESE ARE THE CHINESE RED CROSS' S SECOND AND THIRD DONATIONS THIS YEAR (REF A). WHILE CHINA HAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN RED CROSS AID TO AFGHANISTAN (REF B), THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SUCH AID HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO UPPER VOLTA WHICH DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE PRC. SIGNIFICANTLY, NCNA (APRIL 12) NOTED THAT THE DONATION HAD BEEN MADE AFTER CHINA RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF UPPER VOLTA ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN DEALING WITH THE EPIDEMIC. THE CHINESE PRESUMABLY HOPE THIS MODEST AID GESTURE WILL START SOME MOVEMENT TOWARD IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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